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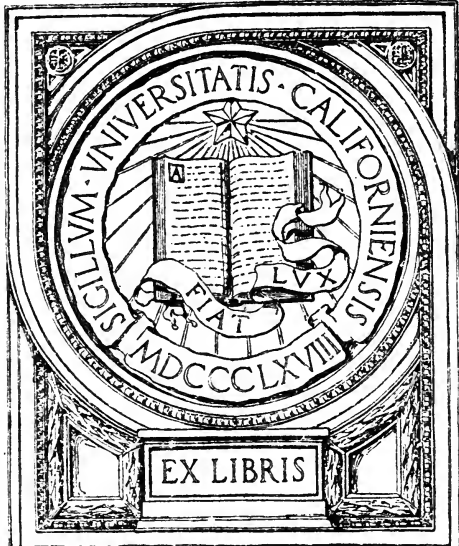
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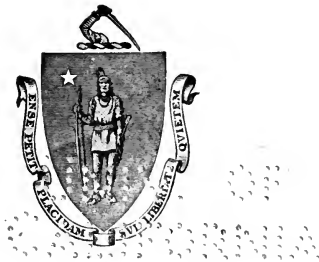
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ACTS OF 1908.

CHAPTER 83.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section eighty-two of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, providing for a new general register of voters in the city of Boston in the year nineteen hundred and eight and in every twelfth year thereafter, is hereby repealed. 1907, 560, § 82, repealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved February 15, 1908.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CORRUPT PRACTICES IN ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. No political committee, and no person acting under its authority or in its behalf, shall demand or solicit from any person who is a candidate for nomination to elective office, or from any one acting in his behalf, a payment of money or a promise of payment of money, as a prerequisite to his obtaining from such committee or its agent the nomination papers required by the provisions of sections one hundred and nineteen to one hundred and twenty-six, inclusive, of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven. Soliciting, etc., money from candidate prohibited, etc.

SECTION 2. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars. Penalty.
Approved February 17, 1908.

CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1902, 393, § 3,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter three hundred and ninety-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two is hereby amended by striking out the word "second", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — first, — so as to read as follows: —

Section 3. The municipal election shall take place annually on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of December, and the municipal year shall begin on the first Monday of the following January.

Municipal
elections in
Fall River.

Question of
acceptance to
be submitted
to voters.

SECTION 2. The question of the acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Fall River at the state election in the present year. The vote shall be taken by ballot in accordance with the provisions of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws and of acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the question: — Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An Act relative to municipal elections in the city of Fall River" be accepted? and the affirmative votes of a majority voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance. Unless so accepted it shall not take effect, but if so accepted it shall apply to the annual municipal election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and eight.

Approved February 22, 1908.

When to take
effect.

CHAPTER 113.

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MALDEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

School commit-
tee of Malden,
election, terms,
etc.

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Malden shall hereafter consist of five members, to be elected by such persons as shall be qualified to vote for school committee in said city; but no person shall be eligible for election to the committee who is not an inhabitant of the

city and has not been a resident for at least three years continuously prior to the election. The school committee shall serve without compensation, and their terms of office shall begin with the beginning of the municipal year following their election. At the annual municipal election next following the acceptance of this act, as hereinafter provided, two persons shall be elected as aforesaid, to hold office for three years, two for two years and one for one year; and thereafter at each annual municipal election there shall be elected for the term of three years so many persons as may be necessary to fill the places of the member or members of said committee whose term or terms are about to expire. Vacancies in said committee arising from death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled for the unexpired term at the next annual municipal election: *provided, however*, that vacancies may be filled for the remainder of any municipal year in the manner provided in section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Vacancies.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. Upon the organization of the school committee elected under and in accordance with the provisions of this act the terms of office of the members of the present school committee shall end, and their powers and duties shall cease.

When terms of present school committee shall end.

SECTION 3. The school committee elected under and in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be the lawful successors of the present school committee, and shall be entitled to all the powers and privileges conferred, and subject to the duties and obligations imposed, by said chapter one hundred and sixty-nine and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 4. So much of any act as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Malden at the annual state election held in November, nineteen hundred and eight, and the form of the question to be placed upon the ballot shall be as follows:— Shall chapter _____ of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, being “An Act to reduce the number of members of the school committee of the city of Malden”, be accepted? and if a majority of the voters voting thereon shall vote in the affirmative this act shall take effect.

Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters.

When to take effect.

SECTION 6. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of the said city shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect until accepted by the voters of the city as herein provided.

Approved February 25, 1908.

CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS BY THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

License commission of Montague, election, terms, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Montague shall elect at its annual March meeting a license commission consisting of three members, to serve for the following terms: one member for one year, one member for two years and one member for three years. They shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified, and thereafter at every annual March meeting one member of said board shall be elected for the term of three years. Any vacancy in said board occurring during the year shall be filled by the selectmen, and the person or persons so appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next annual town meeting.

Vacancy.

Qualification of members.

SECTION 2. No member of the board shall be engaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, or hold any other town office. If any member of the board shall engage directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, his office shall thereupon become vacant. Each member of said board shall have been a resident of the town of Montague for at least two years immediately preceding his election. Two members of the board shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Quorum.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 3. All licenses issued in the said town for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or for innholders or common victuallers, shall be issued and signed only by the said board of license commissioners, and shall be recorded in their office; and all the powers and duties relating to said licenses, or to the sale of intoxicating liquors, now or hereafter vested in the selectmen of towns shall be exercised and performed by the said board.

Compensation, etc.

SECTION 4. The town may appropriate a reasonable sum of money for the compensation of its license commis-

sioners, and shall pay reasonable expenses incurred by the board for blank books, printing and other necessary expenses, approved by the board.

SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Montague at the next annual town meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, and if a majority of the voters voting thereon shall vote in the affirmative this act shall take effect.

Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters.

SECTION 6. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of the town shall take effect upon its passage.

When to take effect.

Approved March 3, 1908.

CHAPTER 345.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION OF SENATOR FROM THE FIRST WORCESTER DISTRICT, AND TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES FROM SAID DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Nominations by political parties of candidates for state senator from the first Worcester district shall be made in caucuses by direct plurality vote.

Nomination of candidates for senator from first Worcester district.

SECTION 2. Members of state political committees from said district shall be elected by direct plurality vote in the caucuses held for nominating a senator from said district.

Members of state committees.

SECTION 3. All provisions of law relative to caucuses of political parties and to nominations and elections in caucuses by direct plurality vote and to ballots, returns, and the duties of city clerks and registrars, so far as they are applicable, shall apply to caucuses and elections held in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Certain provisions of law to apply.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 3, 1908.

CHAPTER 361.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TOWN MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. At all town meetings held in the town of Watertown the town shall use a system of registering

Registering turnstiles to be used at town

meetings in
Watertown,
etc.

turnstiles for determining the number of voters admitted to each meeting. The selectmen shall appoint officers to have charge of the turnstiles, and shall determine from them the number of voters admitted to each meeting, and at the adjournment thereof shall make a return to the town clerk under oath, which may be administered by him, of the number of voters who have been admitted to such meeting, as registered by the turnstiles. The town clerk shall immediately make a record of such return in the records of the meeting, which record shall have the same legal force and effect as the records of the proceedings of the meeting. All such returns shall be preserved by the town clerk until at least twenty days after the final adjournment or dissolution of the meeting to which they relate, and shall be open to public inspection.

Returns to be
preserved, etc.

Certain votes
may be sub-
mitted for rati-
fication at a
subsequent
town meeting,
etc.

SECTION 2. Any vote passed at an original or adjourned town meeting to which three hundred and fifty or more voters shall have been admitted shall, upon petition, be submitted to the voters at large for ratification at a subsequent town meeting, as hereinafter provided, except that votes for moderator, or for any town, county, state or national officer, or on any question on which by any special or general law of the commonwealth a yea or nay vote is required to be taken by ballot, shall be final. No vote subject to ratification under the provisions of this act shall take effect until the expiration of the time herein limited for filing a petition for ratification; nor, if such petition be filed, until after such vote shall be ratified in the manner hereinafter provided.

Calling of sub-
sequent town
meetings, etc.

SECTION 3. If within five days after the final adjournment or dissolution of such town meeting a petition addressed to the selectmen shall be filed with the town clerk, signed by at least fifty legal voters of the town, requesting that any vote or votes passed at such meeting, except the final votes before mentioned, be submitted to the voters of the town for ratification, then the selectmen shall, after the expiration of said five days, forthwith call a town meeting for the sole purpose of so submitting such vote or votes. In case two or more votes passed at a town meeting relate to one subject-matter, and a petition is filed as aforesaid for the ratification of one or more such votes, the selectmen may in their discretion submit, in addition to those for which petitions are filed, any or all of the votes relating to the same subject-matter; and for

this purpose a vote to borrow money shall be held to relate to the same subject-matter as the vote or votes to appropriate the money to be borrowed. The polls shall be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon and shall be closed not earlier than nine o'clock in the evening, and a vote shall be taken by ballot upon the question, "Shall the following vote (or votes) passed at the town meeting (or at the adjourned town meeting) held on the day of 19 , be ratified? Vote: ."

Any vote or votes submitted for ratification as aforesaid, receiving a majority of the votes cast thereon, shall be considered to be ratified, otherwise such vote or votes shall have no force or effect: *provided*, that if any vote required for its original passage more than a majority of the votes cast, then a like proportion of votes shall be required for ratification.

Vote receiving a majority of votes cast to be considered ratified, etc.

Proviso.

SECTION 4. Every petition filed as aforesaid shall forthwith be examined by the town clerk, who shall ascertain therefrom the number of legal voters whose signatures are attached thereto, and shall make a record thereof, and such record, together with a copy of the petition, exclusive of the names affixed thereto, shall be inserted in the records of the meeting for ratification of the vote or votes named in the petition, which record shall have the same legal force and effect as the record of the proceedings of such meeting. All such petitions shall be preserved by the town clerk until at least twenty days after the final adjournment or dissolution of said meeting, and during that period shall be open to public inspection.

Petitions to be examined by town clerk, etc.

Petitions to be preserved, etc.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town to prepare the ballots to be used at such town meetings, and the conduct of such meetings shall be under their charge, subject to the laws relating to elections, so far as the same may be applicable.

Selectmen to prepare ballots, etc.

SECTION 6. A meeting shall be held for the purpose of submitting the question of the acceptance of this act to the legal voters of the town at some time within two years after the passage hereof. At such meeting the polls shall be open not less than eight hours, and the vote shall be taken by ballot as in the case of the annual town election, in answer to the question "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled 'An Act relative to town meetings in the town of Watertown', and providing for the ratification of cer-

Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters, etc.

tain votes passed at such meetings, be accepted by the town?" and the affirmative votes of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance. If at any meeting so held this act shall fail to be accepted, it may, at the expiration of three months after any such previous meeting, be submitted again for acceptance, but not after the period of two years from the passage of this act.

When to take effect.

SECTION 7. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of the town shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by the legal voters of the town as herein prescribed.

Approved April 7, 1908.

CHAPTER 391.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COUNTY TREASURERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1907, 560, § 307,
par. 2,
amended.

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section three hundred and seven of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words:— In case of the inability of the treasurer of any county to act as such treasurer by reason of illness or absence from the county, or by reason of any other cause, the county commissioners for said county may appoint some person to fill such office until said treasurer is able to resume his duties. The person appointed to act as temporary treasurer shall give a bond to secure the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as said county commissioners shall approve,— so that said paragraph will read as follows:— Upon a vacancy by removal or otherwise in the office of county treasurer or of register of deeds in a county or district, except the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, the county commissioners shall in like manner issue precepts for an election to fill such vacancy at the next annual state election for which precepts can be seasonably issued, and may appoint some person to fill such office until a person is elected thereto and qualified. In case of the inability of the treasurer of any county to act

County treasurer and register of deeds, vacancy.

Temporary treasurer may be appointed.

as such treasurer by reason of illness or absence from the county, or by reason of any other cause, the county commissioners for said county may appoint some person to fill such office until said treasurer is able to resume his duties. The person appointed to act as temporary treasurer shall give a bond to secure the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as said county commissioners shall approve. To give bonds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved April 13, 1908.

CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CAUCUSES AND TO THE POSTING OF SPECIMEN BALLOTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and thirty-three of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words:—except that where voting booths are provided two of such specimen ballots may be posted on such booth,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 133.* The city or town clerk, or in Boston the election commissioners, before the opening of the polls on the day of the caucus, shall, at the expense of the city or town, prepare and deliver at the polling place to the warden or, if he is not present, to the clerk or, if both are absent, then to any inspector, ballot boxes, the ballots, specimen ballots, voting lists, suitable blank forms and apparatus for canvassing and counting the ballots and making the returns, a seal of suitable device and a record book for each polling place. The presiding officer at each polling place shall, before the opening of the caucus, conspicuously post in such polling place at least six specimen ballots, which shall be kept so posted until the polls are closed, except that where voting booths are provided two of such specimen ballots may be posted on such booth. 1907, 560, § 133, amended.
Delivery of ballots, etc., at polling places.
Specimen ballots to be posted, etc.

SECTION 2. Section one hundred and fifty-one of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word “herein”, in the last line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—in sections one hundred and forty-four to one hundred and sixty, inclusive,—so as to read as fol- 1907, 560, § 151, amended.

Certain provisions of law to apply.

lows:— *Section 151.* The provisions of law relating to election officers, voting places for elections, election apparatus and blanks, calling and conduct of elections, manner of voting at elections, counting and recounting of votes at elections, the provisions of section two hundred and seventy-six of this chapter, corrupt practices, and penalties, shall apply to primaries, except as otherwise provided in sections one hundred and forty-four to one hundred and sixty, inclusive.

Approved April 21, 1908.

CHAPTER 425.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POLITICAL DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1907, 560, § 175, amended.

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and seventy-five of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words:— If a candidate receives the nomination of a political party, and fails to withdraw therefrom, the name of any other political party shall not be used in his political designation unless he shall have received the regular nomination of such other political party,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 175.* All certificates of nomination and nomination papers shall, in addition to the names of candidates, specify as to each: (1) his residence with street and number thereof, if any; (2) the office for which he is nominated; and (3), except as hereinafter provided, the party or political principle which he represents, expressed in not more than three words. Certificates of nomination shall also state what provision, if any, was made by the caucus or convention for filling vacancies caused by the death, withdrawal or ineligibility of candidates. The names of the candidates for president and vice president of the United States may be added to the party or political designation of the candidates for presidential electors. To the name of each candidate for the office of alderman at large shall be added the number of the ward in which he resides.

Certificates of nomination and nomination papers, contents, etc.

Designation in certain cases.

If a candidate is nominated otherwise than by a political party, the name of a political party shall not be used in

his political designation, except as describing and preceding some other name or term which shall not be the name of any party which cast at the last preceding election more than three thousand votes for governor; and if so used in case of a candidate nominated by a nomination paper, the political designation shall consist of not more than two words and shall not be changed after having been placed upon the paper. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for town offices may or may not include a designation of the party or principle which the candidate represents. If a candidate receives the nomination of a political party, and fails to withdraw therefrom, the name of any other political party shall not be used in his political designation unless he shall have received the regular nomination of such other political party.

Designation in certain cases.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 21, 1908.

CHAPTER 428.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section ninety-three of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:— A state committee may make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for calling conventions for the nomination of state officers, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 93.* A state, city or town committee may make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for its proceedings and relative to caucuses called by it, and may fix the number of persons of whom it shall consist, which number shall be announced in the call for the meeting at which they are to be chosen. Each city or town committee may make reasonable regulations, not inconsistent with law, to determine membership in the party, and to restrain persons not entitled to vote at caucuses from attendance thereat or taking part therein. But no political committee shall prevent any voter from participating in a caucus of its party for the reason that the voter has supported an independent candidate for

1907, 560, § 93, amended.

Committee may make rules and regulations, etc.

political office. A state committee may make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for calling conventions for the nomination of state officers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 21, 1908.

CHAPTER 461.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL
BALLOTS FOR STATE AND CITY ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1907, 560, § 241,
amended.

Lists of candi-
dates, etc.,
state and city
elections, to be
published.

Chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking out section two hundred and forty-one and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 241.* The secretary of the commonwealth before every state election shall cause to be published a list of all candidates to be voted for in each senatorial district, except in the county of Suffolk, and the question of the approval and ratification of any proposed amendment to the constitution, and the city clerks, in Boston the election commissioners, before every city election shall cause to be published a list of all candidates to be voted for in their respective cities. Such lists and questions shall be in the form, as near as may be, in which they are to appear upon the official ballot, and said publication shall be made for state elections in each senatorial district in at least four newspapers in the English language, if there are so many in that district, except in the county of Suffolk, and in the county of Suffolk such publication shall be made in at least four newspapers in the English language published therein. Such publication, so far as is practicable, shall be in newspapers representing the two leading political parties, and at such reasonable cost as may be determined by the secretary of the commonwealth. For city elections such publication shall be made in at least two newspapers representing the two leading political parties, if there are so many in the city, devoted wholly or chiefly to the publication of general or local news.

Approved April 28, 1908.

CHAPTER 480.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME ALLOWED FOR THE LISTING OF VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. If in any year the police commissioner for the city of Boston shall believe it to be impracticable, because of any public exigency requiring unusual service from the police force of the city, to complete within the first seven week days of May the house-to-house visitation provided for by section seventy of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, and to transmit to the election commissioners on or before the eighteenth day of May the lists described in section seventy-one of said chapter, he shall have authority, after having given notice in writing to the listing board and to the board of election commissioners of the city, to take such further time for said visitation and transmission, not exceeding ten week days, as he shall deem necessary.

Time allowed for the listing of voters in Boston extended.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 1, 1908.

CHAPTER 483.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MAKING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY BUSINESS CORPORATIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. No business corporation incorporated under the laws of, or doing business in this commonwealth, and no officer or agent acting in behalf of such corporation, shall pay or contribute in order to aid, promote or prevent the nomination or election of any person to public office or in order to aid, promote or antagonize the interests of any political party. No person shall solicit or receive such payment or contribution from such corporation.

Making of political contributions by business corporations prohibited, etc.

SECTION 2. Any corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, and any officer, director or agent of a corporation violating any provision of this act or authorizing such violation, shall be punished by a fine of not

Penalty.

more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

Certain provisions of law not affected.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting the provisions of chapter five hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven.

Approved May 1, 1908.

CHAPTER 500.

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

School committee of Salem, election, terms, etc.

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Salem shall hereafter consist of seven members, six of whom shall be elected in the following manner: — At the first municipal election held after this act has taken effect, as hereinafter provided, the qualified voters of each ward shall elect one of the inhabitants of the ward to be a member of said committee. The members so elected from wards one and six shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the first Monday of January next following their election; the members so elected from wards two and three shall hold their offices for the term of two years from said first Monday of January; and the members so elected from wards four and five shall hold their offices for the term of three years from said first Monday of January. At every subsequent annual municipal election the qualified voters of each of those wards from which the members whose terms of office are about to expire were elected, shall elect an inhabitant of such ward as a member of said committee to serve for the term of three years from the first Monday of January next following his election. The mayor shall be a member, ex officio, of the committee and chairman thereof. Vacancies in the committee arising from the death, resignation, or otherwise, of a member from any ward, shall be filled as aforesaid for the unexpired term at the next annual municipal election. The school committee shall serve without compensation.

Vacancies, etc.

When terms of present school committee shall end, etc.

SECTION 2. The persons elected as aforesaid, and the mayor, ex officio, shall annually, upon the first Monday of January, or as soon thereafter as may be, meet and organize; and upon the organization of the committee first chosen under the provisions of this act, the terms of office of the members of the present school committee of

the city of Salem shall terminate, and said members shall cease to have or exercise any authority conferred upon the school committee of said city by section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight or by any other provision of law.

SECTION 3. The members of the school committee elected in accordance with the provisions of this act, and the mayor, *ex officio*, shall be the successors of the present school committee of the city, and shall have and perform all the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon the school committee of said city. Powers and duties.

SECTION 4. So much of any act as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city at the next annual state election, and the form of the question to be placed upon the ballot shall be as follows:— Shall an act of the general court passed in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled “An Act to reduce the number of the school committee of the city of Salem to seven members”, be accepted? and if a majority of the voters voting thereon at said election shall vote in the affirmative this act shall take effect. Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters.

SECTION 6. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of the city shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect until accepted as herein provided. When to take effect.

Approved May 7, 1908.

CHAPTER 518.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT MAY BE EMPLOYED BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES IN CITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The number of persons that may be employed by political committees in cities for any purpose, except as caucus officers, shall not exceed six persons in each voting precinct of the city. In cities, or parts thereof, not divided into precincts, the number shall not exceed six for each ward. Number of persons that may be employed by political committee limited.

SECTION 2. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Penalty.

Approved May 14, 1908.





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